

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were pending in this application. All of the pending claims were rejected. Because the Office and Applicant have had so much difficulty reaching agreement on the state of the claims, claims 1-8 are hereby cancelled and new claims 9-16 are added. None of the claims is currently amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The claim amendments are sufficiently extensive so as to render the previous grounds for rejection moot. With regard to the recited claim messages, support is in the specification at pp. 19-21. Support for the recited resolution of conflicting claim messages is at pp. 20-21. Support for the recited bid message is in the specification at pp. 51-54 and in Table II in Figure 31. Support for the claimed bid selection and accept message are at pp. 41-42. Power adjustment is described in the specification at pp. 33-34, and elsewhere. The Office is requested to perform a new search and examine the presently recited claims.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney at the number listed below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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